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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This correspondence is fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 20, 2004. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I for prosecution, with traverse. In view of the arguments below, Applicants respectfully request the regrouping of Group I and Group II claims to form a single group consisting of claims 1-50, and desire that claims 1-50 be examined for prosecution.

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner categorized the claims and placed the claims into three Groups, which were:

Group I - claims 1-24 and 26-50 (in part); methods for identifying compounds;

Group II - claims 25 and 26-50 (in part); methods for making expression products; and,

Group III - claims 51-57; hybridization systems.

The Examiner restricted the Group I claims from the Group II claims, and stated that these Groups are drawn to unrelated methods that do not share a corresponding technical feature.